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## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for managing an accommodation supply chain utilizing a network,
2		comprising:
3	a)	receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an accommodation
4		supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of accommodation
5		products and services by the accommodation outlets;
6	b)	generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7		accommodation products and services from an accommodation distributor of the
8		accommodation supply chain;
9	c)	transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the accommodation
10		supply chain utilizing the network;
11	d)	transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the accommodation supply
12		chain utilizing the network; and
13	e)	forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain utilizing the data.
1	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2		accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers.
1	3.	The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the accommodation
2		outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation supplier via a
3		network-based interface.
1	4.	The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the accommodation
2		distributor and the accommodation supplier only after verification of an identity
3		thereof.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

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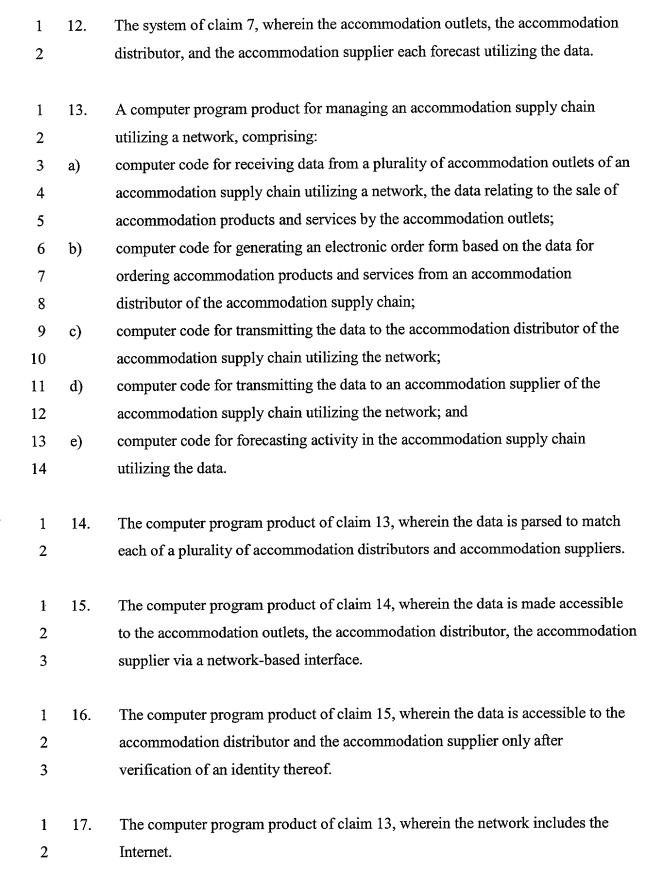
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distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast utilizing the data. 2 A system for managing an accommodation supply chain utilizing a network, 1 7. 2 comprising: logic for receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an 3 a) accommodation supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of 4 accommodation products and services by the accommodation outlets; 5 logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering 6 **b**) accommodation products and services from an accommodation distributor of the 7 accommodation supply chain; 8 logic for transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the 9 c) accommodation supply chain utilizing the network; 10 logic for transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the 11 d) accommodation supply chain utilizing the network; and 12 logic for forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain utilizing the 13 e) 14 data. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of 1 8. accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers. 2 The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the accommodation 9. 1 outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation supplier via a 2 network-based interface. 3 The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the accommodation 10. 1 distributor and the accommodation supplier only after verification of an identity 2 thereof. 3

The method of claim 1, wherein the accommodation outlets, the accommodation

The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.



- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the accommodation outlets,
- 2 the accommodation distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast
- 3 utilizing the data.